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Applicant : Mitsuhiro Fukuoka  
Title : CONVEYING APPARATUS  
Filed : August 25, 2003  
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Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x 86	0		x 43	0		
Multiple Dependent Claims					0	x 290	0		x 145	0		
Total Additional Fee						0			OR	0		

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Amdt. dated October 6, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 26, 2004

1. Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
2. Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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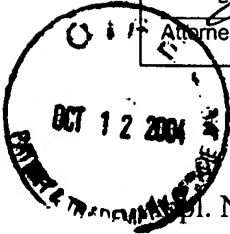
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.